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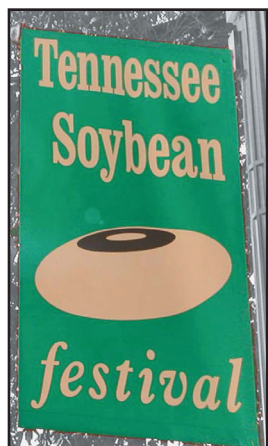
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Soybeans make appearance for 14th year

As drought makes crops wither, festival continues to grow



Melissa Kimble

Sept. 1 marks the beginning of Martin's annual Soybean festival.

The festival, which will continue until Sept. 9, celebrates and endorses the soybean, an important part of Tennessee agriculture.

The festival begins Saturday with the Little Miss and Miss Teen Soybean Festival Pageants.

Monday is the third Annual Soybean Festival

Talent Contest. For an application, contact Linda Ramsey at 731-587-5549.

Tuesday evening is the annual Soybean Festival parade which begins in the UT Martin football stadium parking lot and goes through downtown Martin.

Wednesday morning is perhaps not for students as it features the Senior Adult Shuffleboard Tournament.

Thursday will feature the grand opening of the

Street Fair which will run from 4 p.m. until midnight.

This fair will feature food, entertainment, a carnival and craft vendors.

Don't miss the UT Martin Skyhawk football season opener vs. Missouri State at 4:30 p.m. Thursday. Pre-game tailgating will occur in the stadium parking lot and the kickoff is set for 6 p.m.

Friday will feature the FlippenOut Trampoline

Show at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 6:30 p.m. On Friday come with an empty stomach to The 13th Annual Chicken Crazy, Hog Wild Barbecue Cookoff, 6 p.m., in Weldon Park. There will be free barbecue chicken at designated areas while it lasts. The Soybean Festival will close with the Sodexo Sunday Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Skyhawk Cafe in the UT Martin University Center.

Students to enjoy wage increase

Staff Reports

Student workers working at rates near the federal minimum wage got a raise this summer.

But university officials say student workers whose wages are above but based on the federal minimum won't see better pay.

The federal minimum wage increased from \$5.15 to \$5.85 an hour on July 24, the first increase since 1997.

The Fair Minimum Wage Act signed this summer raises the minimum wage to \$7.25 per hour in a three-step process by July 2009.

Al Hooten, UT Martin's vice chancellor for finance and administration, said raising wages to meet the federal minimum cost \$200,000.

Hooten said his office accounted for the expense when making this year's budget so student workers wouldn't have to work fewer hours.

"We knew that was coming," Hooten said. "No one needs to worry that we're cutting student hours."

Students who worked above \$5.85 an hour won't get their pay increased, even though many employers are giving wage-earning employees earning more than the federal minimum a 70-cent an hour raise, the same amount as the federal minimum increase.

"We just moved those (workers) that were below the minimum to the minimum," Hooten said. "It was just too expensive to slide all (hourly workers' pay higher)."

Some departments may budget higher wages for their employees earning above the \$5.85 minimum even if the university does not.

Workers who earn money from tips like restaurant servers won't see an increase in their \$2.12 base pay under the law.

Tennessee is among five states _ all in the South _ that do not have minimum wage laws separate from the federal minimum.

Consider Costs of Education

Faculty gets raise thanks to tuition increase

Staff Reports

The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees approved a 6 percent tuition increase for UT Martin students during their summer meeting to help pay for faculty raises, meaning students will pay more than \$170 more a semester than last year.

Full-time students will pay \$2,502 this semester, reflecting the tuition increase and a \$50-per-semester fee for athletics programs that students approved in an April vote.

This year's increase comes after a 4.8 percent increase last year and a nearly 10 percent increase in 2005.

Former Chancellor Nick Dunagan said before retiring in July that this year's tuition increase was lower than it could have been.

"The limited tuition increase of 6 percent represents a combination of support from our local legislators and also the positive case that President (John) Petersen and the Board of Trustees made for the importance of higher education to the future of the state," Dunagan said in a release.

Dunagan said state and university officials should continue to be sensitive to climbing education costs, saying that economic prosperity is linked to education.

Some trustees were reluctant to raise tuition, but more argued in favor of a 5 percent raise for faculty and a 3 percent across-the-board raise for all full-time employees.

"I for one don't like raising



tuition," trustee James Murphy told The Daily Beacon. "But I've had to do it every year. But doing it to better pay the staff ... I can't think of a better reason."

Tuition could have increased by as much as 11 percent, but the Tennessee Legislature increased their subsidy for the state's universities by \$31 million that prevented such a dramatic hike.

The state pays \$502 million for

Tennessee's public colleges.

UT's budget for this fiscal year is \$1.6 billion.

The Tennessee Board of Regents also approved a 6 percent tuition hike at their campuses, which include all universities not affiliated with the University of Tennessee.

Tuition at the main UT campus in Knoxville rose to \$5,120 for in-state students.

Students begrudge the skyward trend of tuition rates which are more than double the rate of inflation but a recent report from the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators found 63 percent of full-time undergraduates don't pay for their education and instead rely on grants and scholarships.

UTM continues to improve standing in magazine while enrollment rises

Jay Baker

UT Martin continued to improve its ranking in this year's annual America's Best Colleges issue of the U.S. News and World Report magazine, tying for 50th place in the South.

The university tied with North Georgia College and State University in Dahlonega, Ga., and the University of Montevallo in Montevallo, Ala., in the 2008 rankings for master's degree-granting universities in the region.

The private Rollins College, based in the Orlando, Fla., suburb of Winter Park, took first place in that category this year.

UTM ranked 20th among public universities in the region, improving from 21st place last year. UTM also ranked 20th in 2005.

Princeton ranked first nationally, a spot the university has held for eight straight years.

"We are pleased to be ranked in the top 20 for public universities in the South," Chancellor Thomas Rakes said in a release. "We

take pride in the accomplishments of our faculty, staff, students and alumni who enable us to be rated highly by U.S. News and other publications."

UTM is also expecting its sixth consecutive year of record enrollment.

"There's a very good chance this could be our largest freshman class ever," said Bud Grimes, Director of University Relations.

Enrollment for the Fall 2007 semester was 6,657 by Aug. 24, an increase of 153 students _ or 2.4 percent _

since last spring.

Official numbers will not be available until mid-September because registration continues through Friday, but Grimes said he expects between a 1 and 2 percent increase over last year.

Preliminary enrollment for fall 2007, according to Academic Records, was 6,657, as of Friday, August 24. These numbers indicate an increase of 153 students, but registration continues through Friday, August 31. (This is a 2.4 percent increase.)

U.S. News' controversial formula, which recently has drawn the ire of some colleges that have boycotted submitting surveys for the national rankings, uses surveys and data from higher education organizations to calculate the rankings.

Categories evaluated include peer assessment, retention, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and the alumni giving rate. UT Martin improved its graduation rates and opportunities for faculty and students to

UTM's Ranking History

2008:	20th
2007:	21st
2006:	20th
2005:	23rd

interact in this year's ranking.

TUESDAYWEATHER



Tomorrow, expect partly cloudy skies with a high of 90. Thursday, 30 percent chance of isolated thunder.

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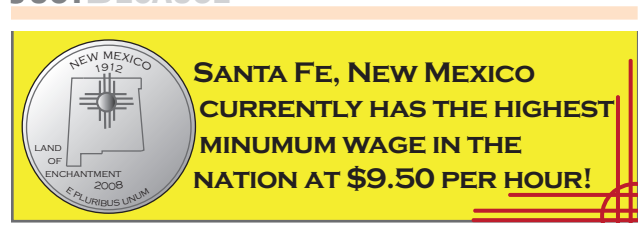
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Our View

Editorial:
UTM stifling local economy?

The opening of a new coffee shop on campus for the convenience of students studying in the wee hours of the morning raises an infrequently asked question for the Martin area: Do some services provided for students by UTM undermine local businesses?

The obvious example of a potential conflict is Captain's Coffee competing with BDx Coffee, a local coffee shop and Internet café owned by a UTM alumnus. While there may never be a problem between the two java joints, the potential still exists. What if convenience (Captain's) outlived culture (BDx)?

Other services provided by UTM such as housing ranging from dorms to apartments, food services in multiple buildings on campus, wireless Internet, etc., could have an impact on local businesses and therefore the local economy.

By no means could anyone assert that UTM hurts the

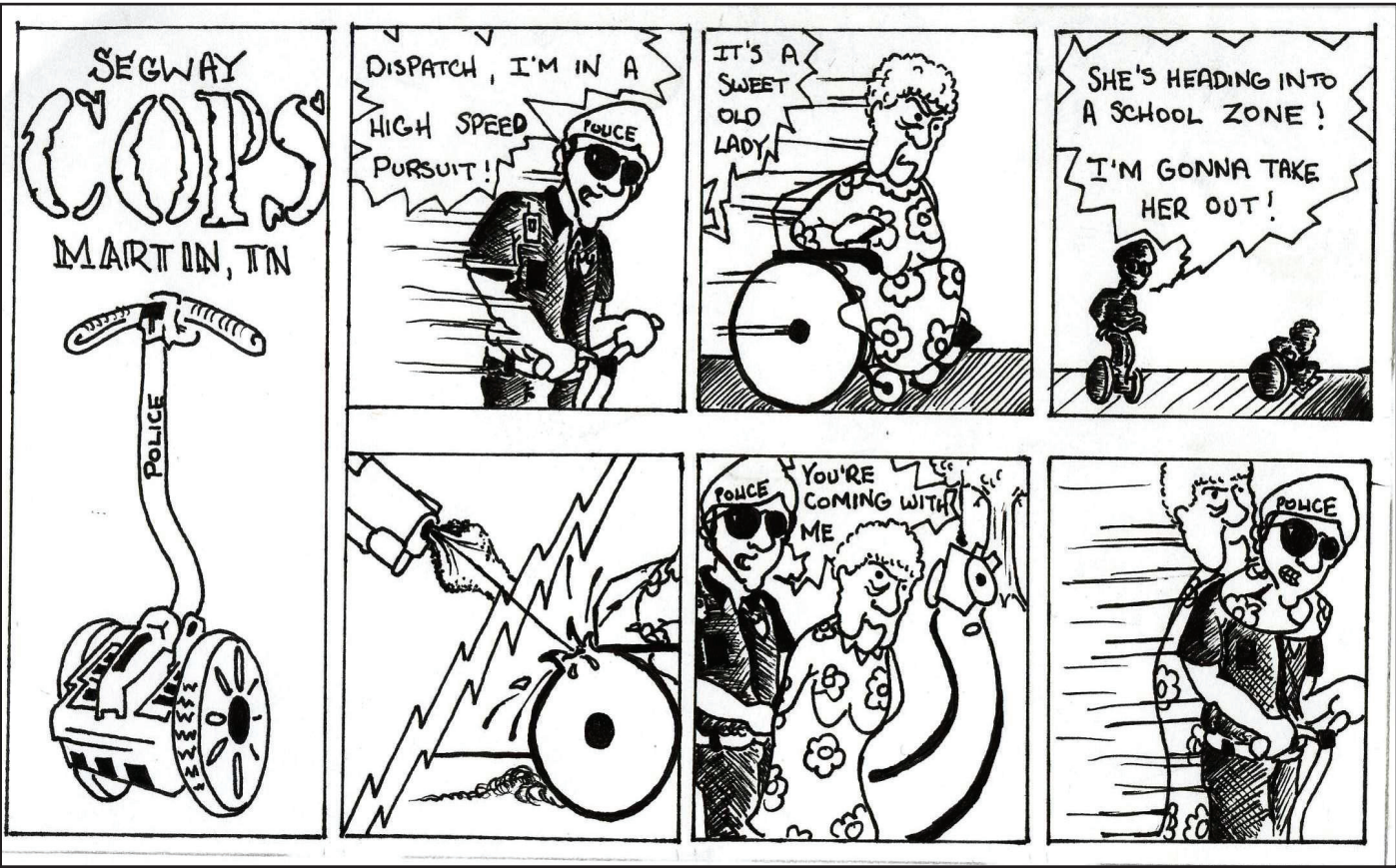
local economy on the large scale – certainly Martin and the surrounding communities benefit from the jobs and educations UTM provides. That fact is not disputable. What could be called into question is what happens to “the little guy.”

Do the services at UTM hurt smaller, more expensive restaurants because students can get food cheaper on campus? Do local Internet providers secretly grumble because thousands of potential customers are serviced by UTM wireless instead? What do landlords think about the cost of housing on campus and do their prices reflect those at UTM?

Too many questions without answers, obviously.

As always, we at *The Pacer* would be happy to hear the opinions of both the campus community and Martin business owners. Feel free to submit letters to the editor and let us know if you think the ends of convenience justify the means.

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SGA president wants UTM student body voice to be heard

Throughout my life, I have heard many great quotes. One of my favorite is from activist Margaret Mead, which says, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

In our small world here at UT Martin, I challenge each of you to become thoughtful and committed citizens. We, the Student Govern-



Erin Chambers
SGA President

ment Association, are the catalyst for change on our campus, but, in order to effectively make our world at UT Martin a better place, we must hear from you.

As we embark upon this new school year together,

know the Student Government Association is doing what we can to encourage the change that you wish to see on our campus. Every student is welcome at the Student Government Association meetings every Thursday at 9 p.m., beginning Sept. 6. We want to hear from you! Come, voice your opinions and tell us what we can do to continue making our world at UT Martin a better place.

Again, thank you for allowing me to have the honor and pleasure of serving as your student body president! I look forward to seeing you on Thursdays. Go Skyhawks!

Erin Chambers
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Traveling abroad shows a lack of national identity

From the very beginning of my collegiate career, I heard this statement: “You can never truly appreciate how great you have it (as an American, woman, college student) until you go somewhere else and experience what little people have in other countries.” That never really spoke to me nor did I grasp the wisdom behind those words until I experienced it for myself. Granted, I didn't travel to a developing country nor experience firsthand the lack of basic human rights while staying in Germany. What I did learn is how history has paved the way for many people to miss out on one of the few rights we Americans ignore, deplore, appreciate, applaud, and expect every moment of our democratic lives: patriotism.

After many wonderful and inexplicably relevant conversations with my host sister and her friends, it became quite clear what the German people lack in comparison to us Americans.



Sara McIntosh
Viewpoints Editor

Now, take into consideration that I am in no way expressing my acceptance of the Nazi regime or its dogmas in regard to people; however, I found it mind boggling that these young people, who are a few generations removed from the actions of WWI and WWII, suffer greatly in that they are not capable of feeling a national love or pride.

When the World Cup was held in Berlin in the summer of 2006, many politicians and people felt guilty that so many Germans were waving their flag in celebration of their country as well as their soccer team. After the team lost, many Germans were saddened and felt depressed that their team did not win the World Cup. While Americans see triumphant

victories of their athletes in the Olympics as a win for the entire nation, Germans applaud individuals for their hard efforts and see the victory as anything but one the nation could be proud of. In fact, according to my host sister, the people don't keep track of the number of medals won in comparison to other countries as the effort of the individual is more important than the realization of the nation being so well represented in such prestigious sporting competitions.

So, you are all probably wondering what this has to do with the price of tea in India. Well, think of how much our lives have changed since that dreadful day in September in 2001. American flags fly everywhere, have landed a rightful place on our cars as magnets, and people have felt united as Americans because of the pride we place on the essence of Americana. Germans never learn how wonderful they are because they are taught

from the beginning how the German people are evil and vile because of what history they have in this world.

Patriotism is a medal every American wears, regardless of how pleased or displeased you may be with our government and political leaders. We can choose to be proud of our heritage and relish the fact that we are seen as the archetype for all nations. Can you imagine what it would be like for us to hate ourselves for the evils we committed to the Native Americans and African slaves? What about if we were to hang our heads low because the world judged how we discriminated against the Irish, Scots, Mexicans, Jews and Muslims? Are we really all that much different from Germans or are we just better suited to move beyond our bad history so that we can learn from our past and still move forward?

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While you were away

UTM sophomore dies in Kentucky crash

Staff Reports

Danielle Grace Cathey, a UTM pre-veterinary studies student from Dickson, was killed in a one-car traffic accident June 7. She was 19.

Cathey was traveling east on State Line Road near Fulton, Ky., when she lost control of the Dodge Ram she was driving while attempting to pass another vehicle, according to the police report. The vehicle struck two trees and a fence before stopping.

Hickman County Coroner Paula Boaz pronounced Cathey dead on the scene.

“We are saddened at this tragic loss of life,” said Dr. Nick Dunagan, former UTM chancellor. “Our thoughts and prayers go out to Danielle’s family and friends.”

Cathey, who was a sophomore, was the daughter of Regina Skinner of Dickson.



Danielle Cathey

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- Nick Dunagan
Former Chancellor

Rakes’ appointment to Chacellor chair leads to leadership shuffle at UTM

Staff Reports

Newly elected Chancellor Tom Rakes named Jerald Ogg interim provost and vice chancellor of Academic Affairs this summer.

Rakes, who replaced retiring Chancellor Nick Dunagan July 1, also named Steve Vantrease interim vice chancellor of Student Affairs, the position that Ogg vacated.

Vantrease was previously the director of the University Center.

Rakes’ appointments signify the beginning of an extensive search process with an uncertain timetable to find both a permanent provost and vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

Jerald Ogg was the university’s interim vice chancellor of Student Affairs last year, after an unsuccessful 2006 vice chancellor search was indefinitely suspended when Dunagan announced his retirement last fall.

Ogg’s stint in Student Affairs succeeded Katherine



Rakes

High, who resigned in 2005 and now works in an administrative capacity in Knoxville.

Ogg has said he does not seek to become the university’s permanent provost, but did say he would do “whatever the university needs me to do.”

Dunagan also made several promotions in preparation for his retirement.

He named Nancy Yarbrough vice chancellor for Finance and Administration, the university’s budgetary department. Yarbrough will replace Joe Croom, who is also retiring.

UT Martin sees record summer enrollment

University Relations

UTM summer enrollment was the second-highest ever, university officials said.

During the summer term,

“The 2007 summer enrollment numbers are not unexpected following the large graduation class we experienced in spring.”

- Thomas Rakes
Chancellor

2,179 students ranks behind the university’s 2006 record summer headcount. All enrollment numbers are compiled and reported by the university’s Office of Institutional Research.

Undergraduate students totaled 1,770. There were 409 graduate students.

“The 2007 summer enrollment numbers are not unexpected following the large graduation class we experienced in spring,” said Dr. Thomas Rakes, UTM’s chancellor. “We also are encouraged by the early enrollment numbers for fall 2007, which continue to compare positively to the same period last year when a record fall enrollment was posted.”

Students enrolled for classes following the fourth and final Summer Orientation and Registration session totaled 5,796 compared to 5,737 for fall 2006, a 1 percent increase. A record 6,893 students enrolled for fall 2006 classes.

This fall the largest freshman class ever is expected to begin their college career.

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said. “We’ve been talking to a lot of students about them. We’ve been getting a lot of use out of them with the students moving in.”

The transporters are run on electric motors and produce no emissions.

According to Segway’s Web site, more than 35 university and 380 municipal

police departments have implemented the transporters in some way.

Chicago last year signed a five-year, \$580,000 contract to buy the scooters for patrolling popular tourist areas, the largest municipal contract for the Bedford, N.H.-based company.

MTSU received e-mail bomb threat Monday

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — An e-mailed bomb threat on students’ first day back from summer break Monday prompted increased police patrol at Middle Tennessee State University, officials said.

University personnel received an e-mail alerting them to the possibility that three explosive devices were placed somewhere near MTSU’s campus. Staff and students were quickly notified through e-mail of the threat and asked to report any suspicions they had pertaining to the

threat.

The e-mail was sent sometime around midnight Sunday, Aug. 26, officials said.

MTSU President Sidney McPhee said he suspected the threat was a back-to-school prank, and no classes were canceled, nor were any buildings evacuated.

Other universities have received similar threats over the weekend, including at the University of Iowa.

MTSU officials have not identified the sender of the e-mails.

The matter is still under investigation.



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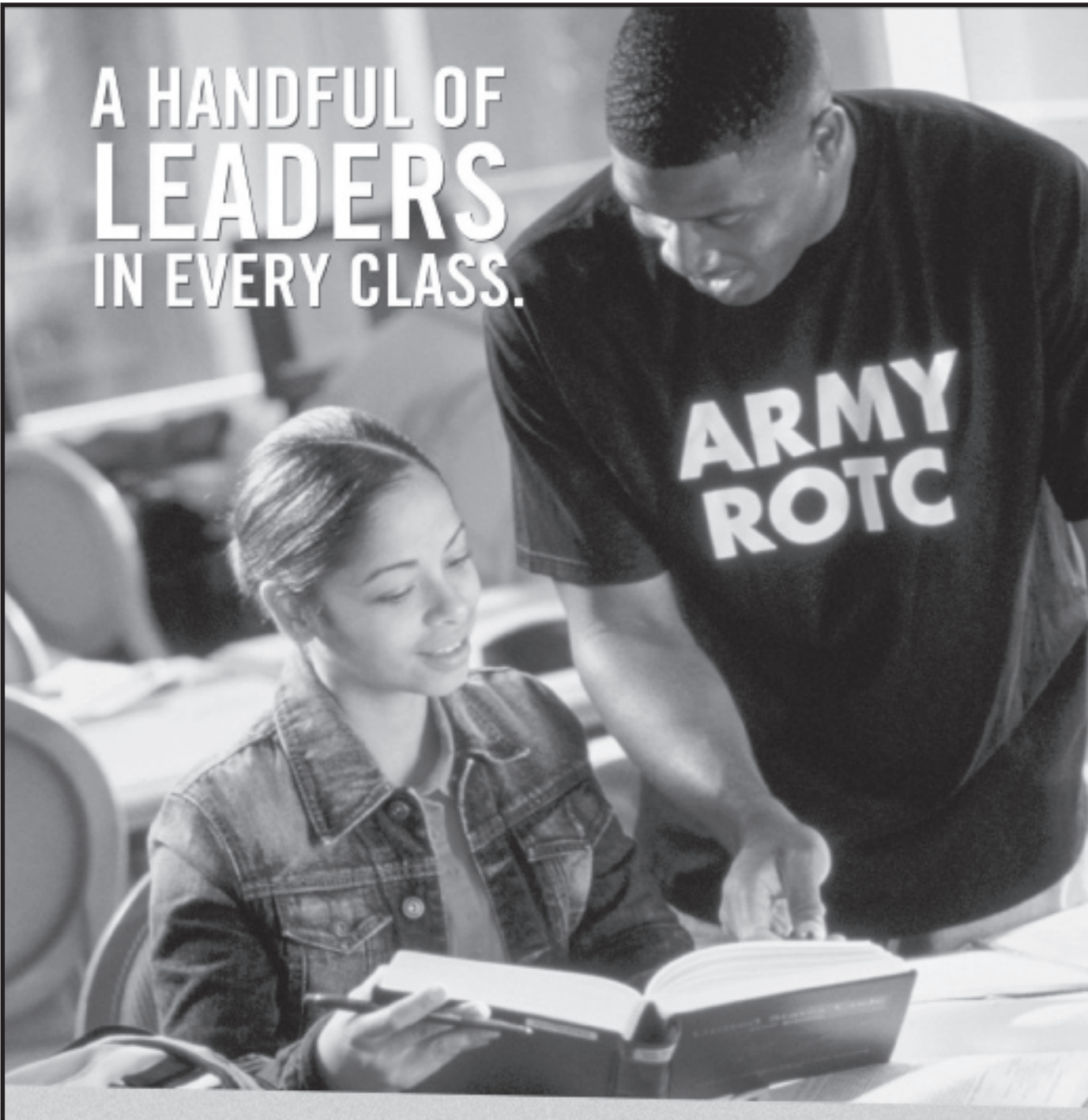
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<p>12:53 p.m. August 20 Lovelace and Oxford</p> <p>There was a traffic accident involving two vehicles.</p>	<p>7:11 p.m. August 23 Elam Center</p> <p>There was a traffic accident involving two vehicles.</p>
<p>11:23 p.m August 20 Lovelace St.</p> <p>Mr. Kenneth W. Carr was issued a citation for stop sign violation.</p>	<p>12:51 p.m. August 24 University Center</p> <p>There was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Officers and the fire department responded and determined it to be a false alarm and the alarm was reset.</p>
<p>8:12 a.m. August 22 Ellington</p> <p>There was a report of a student that had fallen and an officer responded. The officer transported the student to the hospital for treatment.</p>	<p>3:30 p.m. August 24 Activities Field</p> <p>Subject reported theft of university property.</p>
<p>11:50 a.m. August 22 Lot 22</p> <p>The subject reported damage to their vehicle.</p>	<p>6:00 p.m. August 24 University Village</p> <p>There was a traffic accident involving two vehicles.</p>
<p>5:48 p.m. August 22 Skyhawk Fieldhouse</p> <p>There was a report of a subject being ill. An officer and a emergency personnel responded. The subject was treated on the scene and transported by EMS.</p>	<p>6:40 p.m. August 24 Browning</p> <p>Mr. Travis R. Pitt was issued a citation for simple possession.</p>
<p>10:24 p.m. August 22 Moody St.</p> <p>Mr. Jermaine K. Taylor was issued a citation for a stop sign violation.</p>	<p>8:55 p.m. August 25 University St.</p> <p>Mr. Frankie L. Hicks was issued a citation for not having possession of a valid drivers license.</p>
<p>9:03 a.m. August 23 Lot 17</p> <p>There was a traffic accident involving two vehicles.</p>	<p>4:23 p.m. August 26 Sociology Building</p> <p>The subject reported theft of university property.</p>

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The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in The Pacer's "Campus Bulletin Board" section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer_news@utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given by event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

Pacer Meetings

Want to write for the student newspaper? Pacer meetings are every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. in Gooch 309. Come sign up for a story so that you can see your byline in next week's issue of the student newspaper.

UTM Recycling Group

A new student group has forming to help promote recycling and environmental issues on the campus of UTM. The group is meeting every Wednesday at 12:15 in the back room of the UC (room 125). For more information, send an e-mail to utm.recycling@gmail.com.

Reformed University Fellowship

Reformed University Fellowship will be having Bible study, Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in University Center room 111.

Donate Blood

Drop everything and donate blood this Valentine's Day. Life-line Blood Services will be at UTM on Tuesday, Feb. 6 and Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. All donors receive a pair of boxers or a t-shirt!

Academic Speaker

Andrew W. Campbell, M.P. will have a presentation on the topic of Indoor Contamination, Mold and Toxins, Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 7:00 p.m. in Watkins.

Sigma Tau Delta Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 4-5 p.m. in English department lounge. Focus of this meeting is Valentine's fundraiser (please bring your love quote), t-shirts, and spelling bee.

Brown Bag Lunch

English Society is hosting a brown bag lunch on Thursday, Feb. 1, 12:15-1:15 in the English Department lounge. Open to anyone interested in English. Enjoy good conversation with English majors and professors. This will also serve as an informal meeting for English Society. Bring your own lunch.

UT Martin Women's Fastpitch Softball Tryouts

Tryouts will be held at the softball field on Sept. 7 at 4 p.m. If you're interested, call Coach Canary at 881-7162.

Math Club

The Math club will meet at 9 p.m. on Feb. 5 in HU 414.

Vanguard Theatre Auditions 9/11 Candlelight Vigil

Vanguard Theatre will be holding auditions for the play "Little Shop of Horrors" Sept. 10-11 at 7:30 p.m. in Harriet Fulton Theatre.

Photography Exhibition

There will be a photography exhibition for Laquita Thomson Aug. 20-Sept. 9 in the Fine Arts Gallery.

Senior Art Exhibition

Adam McCammon and Mary Margaret Boyd will host their senior art exhibitions in the Fine Arts Gallery, which will run thru Sept. 23. An opening reception will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 11, from 5-7 p.m.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. will be hosting a candlelight vigil in remembrance of the events of Sept. 11, 2001. The vigil will be held at 7:13 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 11.

Soybean Festival Activities

On Saturday, Sept. 1, the Little Miss Soybean Festival Pageants will take place as well as the Miss Teen Soybean Festival Pageants. On Tuesday, Sept. 4, the Soybean Festival Parade will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m. and will proceed along University Street from the UTM football stadium to downtown Martin. The city-wide Martin Merchant Sidewalk Sale will take place on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the week of the festival. It is sponsored by the Martin Business Association.

Blake Shelton, Emerson Drive main musical attractions at Soybean Festival

Country singer/song-writer Blake Shelton will be among the featured entertainers performing free concerts at the 14th Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival, which will begin this Saturday. Shelton will perform Saturday, Sept. 8 on the downtown stage at 9 p.m. Shelton's hits include "Austin," which topped the Billboard country charts for five weeks in 2001, "Ol' Red," "Don't Make Me," "The Baby," and "Goodbye Time." Shelton's website can be found at www.blakeshelton.com. Also featured at this year's festival is the country band Emerson Drive, whose hit songs include "Moments," "I Should Be Sleeping," "Fall Into Me," and "Good Man." They will hit the downtown

stage Thursday, Sept. 6 at 9:30 p.m. Grammy Award Winning R&B/Soul band Rose Royce will perform on Friday, Sept. 7. Their show will include their hits "Car Wash," "I'm Going Down," and "Wishing on a Star." Another group scheduled for the festival is the Rolling Stones tribute band Hot Rocks, who will be playing at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8. The Chicago-based Hot Rocks describe their show as being just like a Rolling Stones concert, "complete with the music, the look, the costumes, effect lights and the energy." Mickey Dolenz, former vocalist and drummer for The Monkees, will perform Friday, Sept. 7 at 9:30 p.m. Southern Gospel group Gold City, who this year



won three Southern Gospel News Awards, will be performing at the festival on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m. On of their awards was for the Traditional Southern Song

of the Year for "Truth is Marching On." For more information on the Soybean Festivals or the featured performers, visit www.tnsoybeanfestival.org.

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www.rose-royce.com

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'07-'08 school year brings changes, opportunity

David Hampton
A&E Editor

Summer break has come and gone, and now things are getting back in motion here at UTM. As usual, a new school year brings about many changes, and here at *The Pacer* we have a few changes in staff, including my new position as Arts & Entertainment Editor. I'll be taking the place of Rachel Moore (formerly known as Rachel Rogers), who decided to step down

to an assistant for her last semester. Considering that this fall she's completing dual degrees in News-Editorial Communications and English in the time it takes most students to earn a single major, and that she's served as A&E editor for the past two years, I believe she deserves the break. I joined *The Pacer* staff last spring as an editorial assistant, so it seems like quite a shift to now hold this position, not to men-

Commentary

tion that Rachel told me, while explaining the job, that she'd now be my assistant, which to me sounds ridiculous. I have no doubt that I couldn't have asked for a better assistant, but with her experience - and my lack thereof - I'll surely complicate what should've been an easier job for her, at least for the next few weeks. I hope she and the rest of the staff will be patient

while we novices try to get into the routine. That said, the A&E section's variety will often depend on student input, and we will be grateful for anyone interested in writing for us. And, because this is the A&E section, there are opportunities for students to write movie, music and book reviews. This was an area that interested me, and I wrote a review for one of my favorite books last spring. I was also able to write

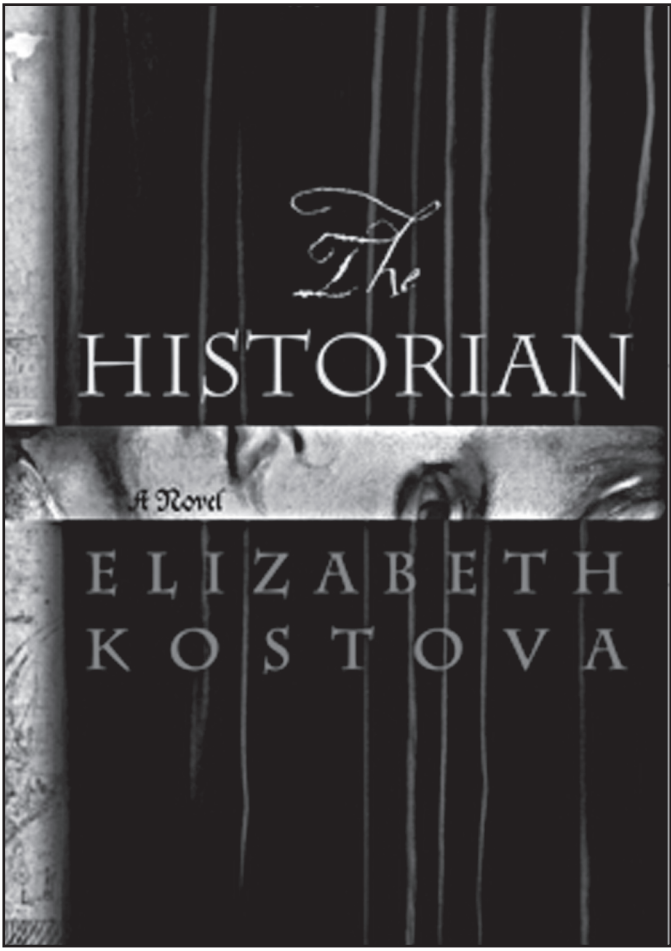
an obituary/book review when novelist Kurt Vonnegut died earlier this year, in which I attempted to blend some biographical facts with elements from his novel *Slaughterhouse-Five*, which is based on some formative events in his life. I think that it's a unique opportunity to be able to write about something that you care about personally, and then to have it printed so that your views and opinions are shared with others.

So, if you'd like to talk about your all-time favorite book, but you can't find anyone whose read it, you can at least get it out of your system in writing a review. That goes for movies and music equally, so if you can't wait to tell someone about a new movie or CD, tell us. And, of course, good luck with the Fall 2007 semester, and with getting the feel of your new schedule.

Dracula snags a breath of fresh air in author's debut

Rachel Moore
Asst. A&E Editor

With so many vampire novels out today, it's hard to find one that doesn't sound as though it's been done before. But Elizabeth Kostova has managed to do it. With the unassuming title of *The Historian*, Kostova's first novel tells the story of a young woman - who, like Daphne Du Maurier's Mrs. DeWinter, remains unnamed - who realizes that her family holds a secret to the past - and present - of Dracula. The story is told from the first person perspective of, not one, but many different characters. Unlike most other popular vampire titles of today, this novel steers pretty clear of the sexual innuendos and other stereotypes we've come to expect. Instead, it's told as a historical narrative, detailing Dracula's life as the historical Vlad Tepes. We find out about his imprisonment as a young man, where he learned his unique torture technique and how he became known as one of the most feared rulers of the past. The book begins with the main character and her father in 1972. She is 16, and wants to begin travelling with her father as he travels on diplomatic missions across Europe. As the they travel together over the years, she slowly unravels the mystery surrounding a stranger book she found in her father's library. This book is somehow connected to Dracula, the *real* Dracula. It's a slow read at the beginning, and it can get



a little frustrating as the story switches narrators. Many other writers who have used this "stream of consciousness" technique, such as William Faulkner, can often leave one confused as to who is telling the story at any given moment. But Kostova pulls this off brilliantly, always making sure to identify the storyteller before they begin. Perhaps one of the most interesting aspects of the novel is how many different mediums Kostova uses to advance the story: sometimes it is the main character speaking, sometimes it is her father. At other times, we learn even more through notes that the father has left behind, or manuscripts

found at ancient libraries. Again, she pulls this off in a way that never leaves the reader confused. *The Historian* is Kostova's first novel, and has garnered a huge following since its release in June of 2005, even spawning its own fan site at the-historian.net. It became a national bestseller and, according to an article on bookbrowse.com, is currently being turned into a movie. Fans of the "traditional" vampire novel might not find this one so engrossing. But, no matter how you look at it, *The Historian* is a breath of fresh air for a genre that seemed as though it was reaching its limits.

Guest art exhibit opens today

Staff Reports

The Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will begin its 2007-2008 art exhibition season with an opening reception, slated from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 28,

in the gallery of the Fine Arts Building for guest artist Laquita Thomason. Photography by the artist featuring Silver gelatine, Cibachrome, Cynotype and Salt prints, collectively titled *Fabric in Landscape*,

will be exhibited through Sept. 8. For more information, contact the UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts at 731- 881-7400.

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From the Geek Corner

Take advantage of technology out there

Have you ever wondered about how much you use technology in your everyday life? From researching with Google to keeping in touch with friends over Facebook to listening to your music on your iPod, some times it seems as if technology has become an addiction we gladly indulge.

Interestingly enough, it seems that plenty of people are willfully ignorant when it comes to technology. As long as the Internet works and the iPod keeps pumping out songs most are content to sit passively by and allow technology to work for them. This attitude of apathy hinders the owner from experiencing the full benefits of our digital age.

Just think of how much easier we have it in college than our parents did just because of the technology available to us. Those that willfully blind themselves from new, evolving technologies cripple both their productivity and their wallets.

This is why I encourage everyone to seek out beneficial technology. The Internet holds loads of hidden applications that can aid you in everything from taking notes to managing class projects over the Web. Try out some of these products and you will be surprised at the spike in your productivity level.

As far as money is concerned, open source and freeware software is par-



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ing the way for people everywhere to get what they need without having to pay a cent. Programs like OpenOffice or Google Docs are free alternatives to shelling out 75 bucks for Microsoft Word.

Additionally, ending one's willful ignorance of technology has benefits beyond finding a bit of free stuff.

“It seems that plenty of people are willfully ignorant when it comes to technology.”

Learning how to keep your computer running smoothly takes relatively no effort, whereas deleting a virus once obtained can become a Sisyphean endeavor. It makes no sense! You

would not drive a car without learning basic maintenance like checking the oil or fixing a flat. Conversely, why would you own a computer and not learn the tricks to keep it running as fast and as smoothly as the first time you turned it on?

This year the *Technophile* will strive to cast a spotlight in the darkened areas of technology. We, the writers, hope that the knowledge we impart will not only benefit the computer savvy, but aid those who are practically computer illiterate as well.

Web site of the week

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Jay Baker
Managing/News Editor

This week's site offers a fresh take on the blogosphere. It's not quite blogspot.com and it's not quite Twitter, it's something all its own.

Tumblr allows you to create a "tumblelog." Tumblelogs are like minimalist versions of blogs. The idea is that instead of writing the long, editorial styles post typical of blogs, you post a sentence or two or perhaps a quote or a video. The result is a clean, crisp representation of your stream of consciousness on the Web. Streams of consciousness tend not to be very minimalist, but the resulting tumblelog looks quite nice.

Tumblr makes it extremely easy to post text, photos, quotes, links, a chat excerpt or videos. Tumblr

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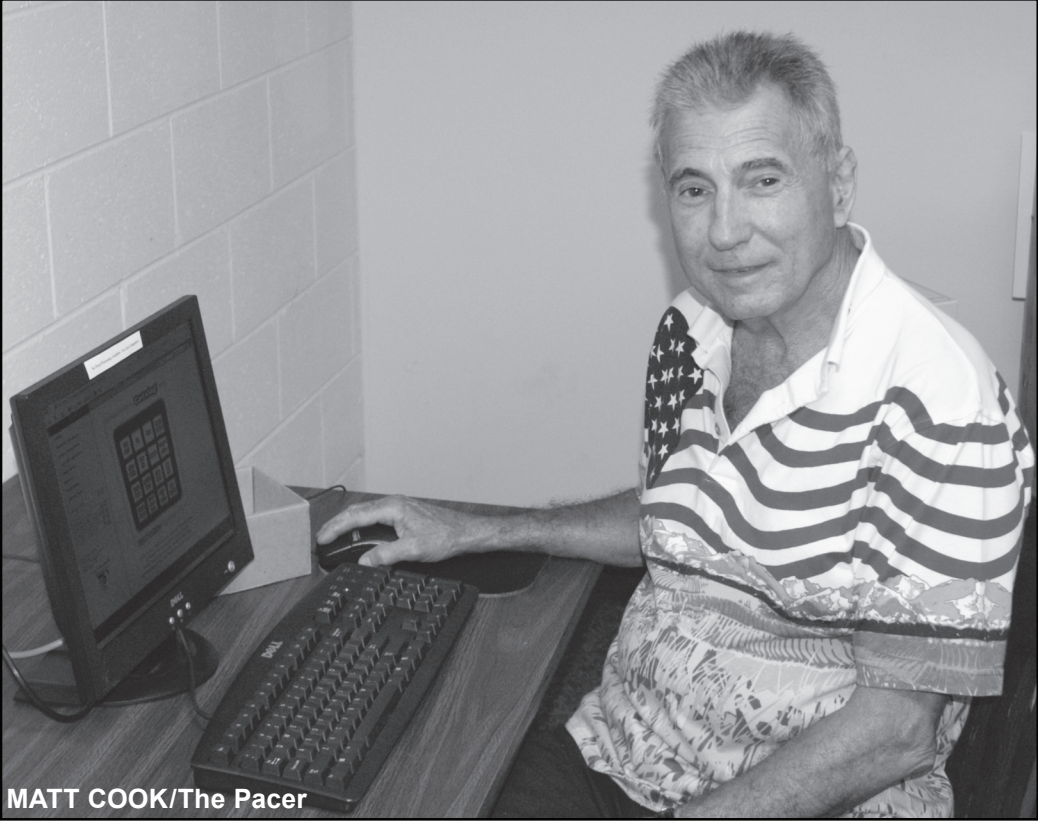
Podcasting has become an online phenomenon, but what is podcasting?

Podcasting, in a nutshell, is online broadcasting that is accessed by subscription. It has been catching on in many different areas of use from simple blogging to educational instruction.

A new technological advancement that many people have yet to look into, podcasting is alive and well at the UTM campus. Over the summer, UTM participated in the Tennessee Sandbox Digital Media Tournament, a tournament sponsored by names as big as Fed Ex, Apple, and Echo Music.

The podcast competition was separated into five categories: faculty course concept, faculty features, service learning, student course concept, and student features. Of the five categories in the tournament, UTM had winners in three of the five go to the state level.

Dr. Richard Chesteen, UTM political science professor, won the state division in his category of faculty features. His podcast was titled, "Baba O'riley...defining moments." Participants from universities such as UT Knoxville, UT Chattanooga, Tennessee State University, East Tennessee State University, and Tennessee Tech also attended.



MATT COOK/The Pacer

Richard Chesteen, UTM political science professor, won the Tennessee Sandbox Digital Media Tournament with his podcast, "Baba O'riley...defining moments."

Steve Holt, Director of Web Service/ITC and UTM Webmaster, had much praise for the state podcast winner, saying, "He didn't change the way he taught, he added to what he was already doing and found it to be a success." Chesteen's podcast was judged by personnel from NPR, National Public Radio.

Holt also commented, "I was excited because Dr. Chesteen has been around the university a long time and is a professor who took a chance with something he had never done before. He decided to get out of his

comfort zone and did it and was successful."

UTM is very proud of Chesteen's accomplishment. The university is adamant about continuing to enter the competition in upcoming years. The tournament itself is expanding as well. In future years the event hopes to play host to not only Tennessee, but a variety of other states.

"I'm going to be pushing the podcasting competition this fall to include more people on campus," says Holt, "especially student organizations that can get involved. The competition

awards include money and iPods, and this year, the competition will be including other states as well. We really hope to turn this into a regional competition."

The Pacer is proud of Chesteen's accomplishment, and hopes to see the wins continue next year, even with the addition of other states to the tournament.

If you are looking for another way to get involved at UTM, look into the upcoming podcasting competition. For more information contact sholt@utm.edu

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Another successful season expected for 2007 Skyhawks football team

14 starters return, UTM ranked No. 18 in coaches' poll

John Summers
Sports Editor

Fifty-seven seconds is less than the amount of time many people can hold their breath and less than the amount of time people have to wait on "fast" food. It's less than the amount of time it takes to find a parking spot during the first week of school, and it was the amount of time left on the clock when Southern Illinois scored a touchdown to defeat the Skyhawks' football team in the first round of the Division 1 Football Championship last year.

This memory probably still lingers in the minds of the returning football players. Maybe that will give them motivation to improve upon last year's successful 9-3 (6-1 OVC) season when the Skyhawks were Ohio Valley Conference co-champions for the first time.

The Skyhawks are expected to have another good season, opening ranked No. 22 in the Sports Network's preseason poll and No. 18 in the preseason coaches' poll. Second-year coach Jason Simpson, last year's conference coach of the year, has 14 returning

starters. Eight of those are on offense, including the 2006 co-offensive player of the year, senior running back Don Chapman.

Chapman is on the brink of breaking not only the UTM rushing and touchdown records but also the OVC rushing record. He needs 1,258 rushing yards to break Marcus Thomas' (EKU) conference record of 5,149 yards.

In his first three years at UTM, Chapman averaged almost 1,300 yards per season.

Seven other starters return from last year's team that led the OVC in rushing offense and ranked second in points scored per game.

However, the Skyhawks did lose All-American right guard Alex Atkins to graduation.

Questions also still remain at the starting quarterback position. Dexter Anoka worked with the first team during the last scrimmage, but the job can still be taken by Greg Preston or Cade Thompson.

Perhaps the biggest question mark for the team is defense. Only four starters return from last year's team that led the OVC in total defense, rushing defense, pass defense and scoring



defense.

All three starters at linebacker and both starters at cornerback graduated. The team does have experienced players to fill in these positions, but will the same cohesiveness and tenacity of last year's squad carry over to this year? Only time—hopefully more than 57 seconds—will tell.

UTM opens this season Saturday at nationally ranked Southern Miss who are coming off a successful season capped off by a victory in the GMAC Bowl.

The Skyhawks will then face nonconference opponents Missouri State

and Central Arkansas before beginning their OVC slate against Austin Peay, Tennessee Tech, Jacksonville State, Samford, Eastern Illinois, Southeast Missouri, Murray State and Tennessee State.

If the team realizes its potential, they could be playing even further into the playoffs than last year. Hopefully, by the end of this season, the memory of those 57 seconds will be long gone.

Chapman named All-American in pre-season

UTM Sports Information

Tennessee-Martin's Don Chapman was one of five Ohio Valley Conference football players selected to the Sports Network's preseason Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) All-American team this past Thursday.

Chapman was one of three first-team selections.

The other two were Eastern Illinois linebacker Donald Thomas and Tennessee State defensive back Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie. The OVC also landed two second-team selections - Eastern Illinois wide receiver Micah Rucker and Tennessee Tech defensive lineman Geoffrey Woods.

In total, the Sports Network selected 81 players to three offensive and three defensive preseason squads.

The list included 24 members of the All-American team from the end of the

2006 season and all 15 FCS conferences had at least one representative on the team.

Chapman, last season's OVC Co-Offensive Player of the Year, was one of two first-team running back selections, joining Appalachian State's Kevin Richardson, who was the NCAA Playoff MVP a season ago.

Chapman rushed for 1,412 yards in 11 games last season for the Skyhawks, including 108 yards against No. 8 Southern Illinois in the first round of the NCAA Playoffs.

He had 100 or more yards six times and 200 or more yards three times during the season.

He scored a touchdown in nine consecutive games and multiple touchdowns in the last four games of the season.

This season he has a chance to finish his career as the OVC's all-time leader in rushing yardage.



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Volleyball team caps off stay in Lafayette with win

UTM Sports Information

Senior middle blocker, Kathryn Sprague (St. Louis, Mo.), registered a .438 kill percentage, going 8-for-16 in attack attempts and the Skyhawks utilized four freshmen to defeat the Jackson State Lady Tigers, 3-0, Saturday afternoon in the 2007 Capital One Ragin Cajun Volleyball Invitational. The Skyhawks also defeated the host team Louisiana Lafayette earlier in the day, and dropped their tournament opener to Central Arkansas, 3-2, Friday. "This was a great opportunity to place some of the younger players in certain situations of the game that will give them valuable experience for future matches to come," head coach Amy Draper said. "It was great that our players got to experience the high level of competition that some of the teams here represented. I am pleased where we are at this point, but we still have some things to work on before we enter conference play." The Skyhawks opened up the first frame with a 5-0 lead. Following a Jackson State timeout, Dimphy Sasse (Albany, Calif.) tallied a kill to extend the lead to six, 7-1. Taylor Noland's (Duluth, Ga.) third kill of the

game gave the Skyhawks a comfortable 16-2 lead. The Skyhawks would have no problem retaining the lead over the Lady Tigers, as they cruised to a 30-16 win. Sprague led the way for UT Martin, going three-for-five in attack attempts, while recording a .600 kill percentage. Noland and Sasse also notched three kills each. The Lady Tigers (0-3) composed themselves and developed an early 7-4 lead in the second game. The Skyhawks, backed by freshmen Emily Steinbeck and Katherine Godina erased the Lady Tigers' lead and rallied to take a 16-15 lead at the midway point in the game. Following a faulty attack attempt by Sprague, the Skyhawks called a timeout with the Lady Tigers ahead, 24-22. UT Martin reclaimed the lead, 29-28, when Jackson State's Corrina Cox committed an attack error. The Skyhawks laid claim to victory when Sarah Jett (Conyers, Ga.) blew the ball past the Lady Tigers' right side. All four UT freshmen were showcased in the second game, highlighting an impressive performance by each individual. The Lady Tigers clawed their way to a 13-11 lead in the third game of the match led by freshman outside hitter, Brittany

Larkin's four kills. With the Lady Tigers ahead 22-20, senior Shelby Knose (Germantown, Tenn.) tallied a kill, which sliced the deficit to two, 22-20. The lead would see-saw back and forth for the remainder of the match, with Jackson State leading by as many as four, 27-23. A kill by Knose and an attack error committed by JSU's Cox would tie the game at 28-all. With the game up for grabs and the match win just a few points away for the Skyhawks, attack errors by Larkin and senior Nicole Walker let the Skyhawks gain momentum and grab the lead, 32-31. Following Larkin's team-high ninth kill, Jett would give her team a one-point lead, 32-31, after tallying a kill. Noland put the game away and sent the UT Martin Skyhawks home with a 3-0 victory over their counterpart after firing a ferocious kill over the net. Next up for the Skyhawks (2-1) is the two-day IUPUI Hampton Inn Invitational, beginning Saturday, Sept. 1, in Indianapolis. "This coming weekend should give us an opportunity to fix some of the areas of play that we need to focus on in order for us to compete at the level that we need to be at in the OVC," Draper said.

Exhibition match shows women's soccer ready for season opener

UTM Sports Information

MARTIN, Tenn. - Sophie Cox and Stephanie Nilicia both netted goals for the Skyhawks to help lead UT Martin over visiting Central Arkansas 2-1. The exhibition was a full 90-minute match with prearranged stipulations between both clubs for unlimited substitutions throughout the entire match and to stop play at the midpoint of each half in addition to the normal halftime stoppage because of the near 100 degree heat. The Skyhawks showed new life on offense in the contest, firing 23 shots and putting 12 on goal. The stingy defense from last year that put together six consecutive shutouts and seven on the year is back as well.

Sarah Bedell had the first opportunity to score for the Skyhawks in the third minute, but her shot found the hands of Sugar Bears goalkeeper Heather Joye. The next opportunity came on a corner kick from Jody Kiers in the 18th minute. Kiers lofted a ball into the box wear senior co-captain Jamie Price went high and headed the ball past the goalkeeper only to have it find the cross bar. In goal for UT Martin, a battle for the starting job still pushes on as a trio of keepers saw time. Johanna Rathburn got the start today and tallied two saves in just over 42 minutes of action. Cara Sullivan, 2006 OVC All-Newcomer Team member, saw 23 minutes in goal and Ashley Angerer

protected the Skyhawks' net for nearly 25 minutes. No clear favorite for the job emerged after today as all continue to perform up to expectations. Lipscomb University, who is a very familiar foe, will be the first regular season opponent for UT Martin. This will be the seventh meeting with the Lady Bisons and the Skyhawks hold a 4-1-1 advantage in the all-time series. UT Martin has won the last three consecutive meetings, including a 3-0 shut-out to close the regular season last year. Kickoff at the Lipscomb Soccer Complex in Nashville, Tenn. is set for 7 p.m.

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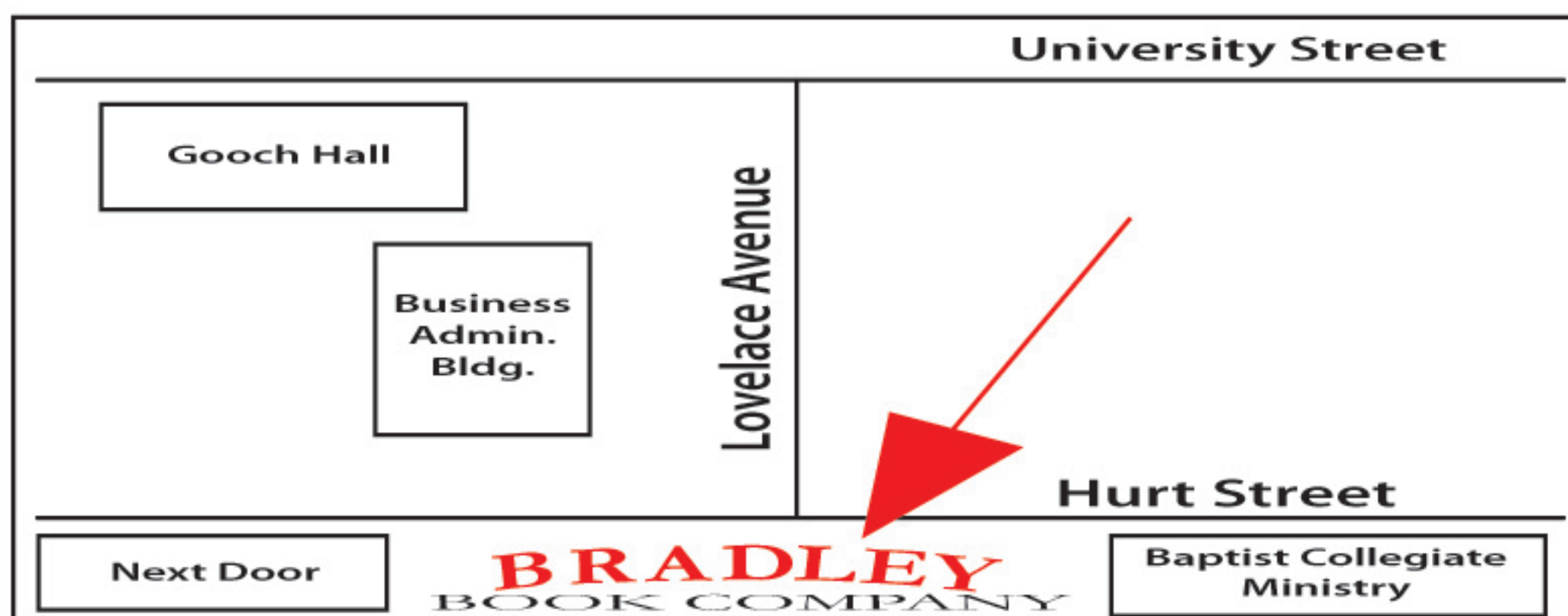
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